

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Claims 22-25 and 28 are requested to be cancelled. Claims 3, 5, 7-11, 13-21, and 26 are currently being amended. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented on pages 2-5, with an appropriate defined status identifier. No new matter is introduced by the present amendment as the amended claim language is supported by the application as originally filed. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-21 and 26-27 will be pending.

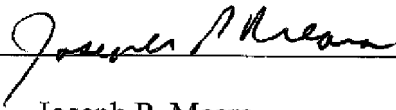
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain open in view of this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to achieve a prompt disposition of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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